

# A MOTHER'S LOVE

John 19: 25 - 27

# What's Wrong Today

- ▣ Society that is constantly seeking to “blur” the lines between a man and woman.
- ▣ Prov. 31. “The Virtuous Woman”
- ▣ Many look upon it today as Old fashioned and outdated.
- ▣ God did something great when he created “Woman.”
- ▣ Gave her specific gifts.

# Woman

- ▣ Created her to do things that a man just can't do.
- ▣ A Mom's:
  - Hugs make everything O.K.
  - Kisses heal "boo -boos"
  - Food is always delicious.
  - Smile gives the comfort to go on in life.
  - Tears wash away all of this world's hurts and pain.

# Mary, the mother of Jesus

- ▣ Many had placed on same level as Christ.
- ▣ Not right to do so.
- ▣ She was special b/c of the reason that God chose her.
- ▣ BUT she was still “Mama” to Christ.
- ▣ It was not just the Savior of the World on the cross, it was her child!
- ▣ She nursed him at her breasts.

# Mary

- ▣ She taught him the basics in life.
- ▣ She was there for all of life's first.
- ▣ When he hurt, she hurt!
- ▣ Even though he was the Messiah, he also learned to love from his mother Mary.
- ▣ He learned what it meant to have unconditional love.
- ▣ He learned that love sometimes hurts as well!

# What A Mother's Loves Teaches

- ▣ **1. Teaches us to Love the Lord. (Mark 12:30,31)**
- ▣ Mary loved God before she was ever chosen to be his mother.
- ▣ A lot of children learn about God b/c of their mother.
- ▣ Not God's plan, but is reality.
- ▣ She may have taught him to love and rever God.
- ▣ She was an example of faithfulness and obedience to Christ.

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- ▣ **2. Teaches us love for the stranger.**
- ▣ (Luke 10: 30- 37)
- ▣ Have the gift of making “everybody family.”
- ▣ Filled many a hungry child’s stomach.
- ▣ Fed and clothed strangers.
- ▣ Taken time to help and listen to the problems of others.
- ▣ Teaches others to love souls and look past outward appearances.

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- ▣ **3. Teaches us to Love our Christian Brethren.**
- ▣ I Cor. 12:26,27, I Thess. 4:9
- ▣ Loving blood brethren helps to understand how to love spiritual brethren.
- ▣ Mothers are masters at teaching us how to get along with others.
- ▣ Many a fight/dispute has been settled because Mama stepped in!



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- ▣ **4. Teaches us to Love your Enemies.**
- ▣ One of the hardest things to do.
- ▣ God teaches that it is not an option.
- ▣ God teaches us that only Christ living in us allows us to love those who hurt/persecute us.
- ▣ Often learned when we see mother still reaching out to her enemies when in need.

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- ▣ **5. Teaches us to Love Truth.**
- ▣ Mama's are expert at "lie detecting."
- ▣ They are also able to teach us that "Honest is always the best policy."
- ▣ Mother's are often the ones who teach their children bible verses, etc.
- ▣ A mother's love makes learning truth fun and meaningful.

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- ▣ **6. Teaches us to love mercy.**
- ▣ Godly mothers are always willing to forgive and love again.
- ▣ We often do not get everything that we deserve because of mothers.
- ▣ Helps us to understand God's mercy.
- ▣ Helps to understand that agape love is full of forgiveness!!

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- ▣ **7. Teaches us that Perfect Love Cast out Fear.**
- ▣ I John 4:18.
- ▣ A Mother's love casts out the fear of:
  - 1. Want. (Psalms 23:1)
  - 2. Being forsaken. (Rom. 8: 38,39)
  - 3. Death. (Psalms 23:4)
  - We can count on Mother being there when everyone else has left us.

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- ▣ **8. Teaches that Love Should do no Harm.**
- ▣ Godly mothers discipline b/c they love, not because of anger, etc.
- ▣ Failure to Thrive Syndrome.
- ▣ A lack of love and nurturing during the 1<sup>st</sup> two years of a child's life will cause lifelong problems.
- ▣ It is so important for children to experience love and care from mothers in their lives.

# Conclusion

- ▣ Mary, the mother of Jesus was at the cross.
- ▣ It was her baby boy on that cross.
- ▣ Before Christ was revealed as the Messiah, he was Mary's boy.
- ▣ She was the one who took care of him when he was sick.
- ▣ She was the one who fixed his food daily.
- ▣ She was the one who went through labor to bring him into this world.

# Conclusion

- ▣ Christ also loved His mother.
- ▣ Before he died, he made sure that his mother was taken care of.
- ▣ Where were Christ's biological brothers?
- ▣ He placed His mother in the hands of His spiritual brother, John.
- ▣ He could finally say "It is finished" after he took care of Mama!!!!